

Fiscal Year 2023 Shelter and Services Program Fact Sheet

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In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing \$363.8 **million** of available funds to enable non-federal entities to off-set allowable costs incurred for services associated with noncitizen migrant arrivals in their communities.

Overview

The Shelter and Services Program (SSP) is replacing the currently existing Emergency Food and Shelter Program-Humanitarian (ESFP-H). SSP bolsters the capacity of states, localities, tribes, and nonprofit organizations to receive noncitizens after they have been processed by DHS. It also ensures appropriate coordination with and support for state, local, and community leaders to help mitigate increased impacts to their communities.

Funding

In FY 2023, the total amount of funds that will be awarded under the SSP is \$363,800,000.

\$291,040,000 is available during this first tranche of funding. \$72,760,000 will be made available at a later date. The second tranche of funding allows for flexibilities in additional eligible candidates and allocations with the same overarching purpose and allowable activities.

SSP makes available federal funds to eligible recipients and subrecipients for costs associated with providing shelter and other eligible services to noncitizen migrants within 45 days of their release from by the DHS.

Eligibility



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Eligible Applicants

The applicants identified in the table in *Section B.1 Available Funding* of the SSP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) are the only entities eligible to submit SSP applications to DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), including those applications submitted on behalf of eligible subapplicants. Eligible applicants may change with the second tranche of funding.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

Each eligible applicant may submit only **one** SSP grant application to FEMA. An eligible applicant must demonstrate their capacity, either internally or through a partnership, to carry out each SSP allowable activity for which they propose funding in their application. Funding will not be provided to an applicant that charges any noncitizen migrant for services.

Subapplicant Eligibility Criteria

Under the FY 2023 SSP, eligible subapplicants may apply to and receive subawards from a non-federal entity that is applying for and receiving an SSP award directly from FEMA. Subapplicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

1. Are one of the following entities:
 1. Local governments as defined by 2 C.F.R. § 200.1
 2. Indian Tribes as defined by 2 C.F.R. § 200.1
 3. Nonprofit organizations as defined by 2 C.F.R. § 200
 4. The 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any agency or instrumentality thereof exclusive of local governments (the term “state” or “state government” where used in this NOFO refers to these entities).
2. Must have the capacity to perform each SSP allowable activity proposed by the applicant to be performed by the subapplicant.

Subapplicants must work directly with non-federal entities applying for SSP funding to be included in an application. An eligible subapplicant may not receive



more than one subaward from a non-federal entity that received an SSP award directly from FEMA.

Funding Guidelines

- SSP allocations were based on data received from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and ESFP-H requests made in FY 2023.
- Funding will be prioritized for primary services and then for secondary services. All services are allowed only for noncitizen migrants within 45 days of their release from DHS.
- Primary Services in the allowable activities include: shelter, food, transportation, acute medical care, and labor for primary services.
- Secondary Services in the allowable activities include: renovations or modifications to existing facilities, clothing, outreach information, translation services, and labor for secondary services.

Management and Administration is an additional allowable cost.

For more information about what is specifically included in these allowable costs, see Appendix A in the SSP FY 2023 NOFO.

If an applicant has received advanced funding under ESFP-H for eligible costs for the period 3/1/2023–12/31/2023, the applicant must not include those costs in their grant application for SSP.

Application Process

Applying for an award is a multi-step process. Applicants are encouraged to register early as the registration process can take **four weeks or more** to complete. Registration should be done in sufficient time to ensure it does not impact your ability to meet the required submission deadline.

The application start date will be June 12, 2023. The application **submission deadline is no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on July 12, 2023**. All applications must be received by the established deadline; no late applications will be accepted. Applications will be submitted in FEMA's Grant Outcomes System (FEMA GO). For more information on application deadlines, see Section D of the FY 2023 SSP



NOFO.

Application Review

FEMA will review applications to ensure eligibility and compliance with all application requirements provided in this NOFO as well as apply the following programmatic criteria:

- Activities proposed are only those identified as allowable in this NOFO.
- The applicant demonstrates their capacity, either organically or through a partnership, to provide each SSP allowable activity proposed for funding.
- Proposed deliverables are consistent with the objectives and priorities of the SSP.
- Project timelines are realistic, attainable, and conform to the performance period of the SSP.
- Proposed costs are allowable, reasonable, and cost-effective in relation to proposed activities.
- The applicant possesses the organic capacity to manage a federal award consistent with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award.

Resources

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with SSP applications:

- The FY 2023 SSP NOFO is available online at www.fema.gov/grants as well as www.grants.gov.
- For SSP-specific questions, please email fema-ssp@fema.dhs.gov.
- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.
- For support regarding financial grants management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Award Administration Help Desk via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.
- For technical assistance with the FEMA GO application, please contact the FEMA GO Help Desk: FEMAGO@fema.dhs.gov or (877) 585-3242 Monday



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